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California Courts of Appeal to Celebrate 100th Anniversary in Los Angeles

San Francisco—Hundreds of current and former appellate court justices and other state officials will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the California Courts of Appeal at special events on April 10 and 11, 2005, in Los Angeles.

“To honor the centennial of our Courts of Appeal, a statewide steering committee has prepared a fitting tribute to the important contributions of the intermediate courts of review in shaping California law over the past century,” said Chief Justice Ronald M. George. “Justices as well as court staff will be honored for their many fine contributions to public service and to the fair administration of justice in the state.”

Chaired by Justice Judith L. Haller, of the Fourth Appellate District, Division One, the celebration includes the following events:

- **An anniversary dinner on Sunday, April 10, in Los Angeles.** Keynote speaker will be attorney Robert Grey, president of the American Bar Association. State Bar President John Van de Kamp, former state attorney general, also will speak.
- **A special court session from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 11, in Department One, Superior Court of Los Angeles County.** In addition to Chief Justice George and the Administrative Presiding Justices of the Courts of Appeal, speakers will include Attorney General Bill Lockyer; Mr. Jon Steiner, executive director of the California Appellate Project, Los Angeles; Mr. Richard Sherman, president of the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers; and Professor Susan Prager, professor and former dean of University of California at Los Angeles School of Law.
- An exhibit of documents and artifacts on the history of the Courts of Appeal will be on display in each appellate courthouse in the state later in April.

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As part of the statewide events, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is publishing a booklet on the history of the Courts of Appeal, which will be distributed at the centennial dinner.

HISTORY OF COURTS OF APPEAL

As the state's intermediate courts of review, the Courts of Appeal ensure that the law is interpreted consistently and uniformly throughout California.

On April 10, 1905, the first nine justices of the Courts of Appeal were appointed to three appellate districts in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Sacramento. Today, the Courts of Appeal comprise 105 justices in six districts, which now include San Diego, Fresno, and San Jose, as well as court sites in Ventura, Riverside, and Santa Ana. Last year, the Courts of Appeal disposed of more than 22,000 matters, with approximately 12,000 by written opinion.

Headquarters and divisions of the six appellate districts are located in the following cities: First Appellate District (San Francisco); Second Appellate District (Los Angeles, with a division in Ventura); Third Appellate District (Sacramento); Fourth Appellate District, with divisions in San Diego, Riverside, and Santa Ana; Fifth Appellate District (Fresno); and Sixth Appellate District (San Jose.)

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